

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.
- Peking, August 21.

THE NATIONAL BANK.
The Chinese-American scheme which H.E. Chang Yim-huan and Dr Yung Wing were supporting has fallen to the ground, it is reported, by reason of the want of funds. The necessary capital was to have been raised in the United States; and the parties were confident of success, but it is reported that no success has attended their efforts. There are such advantageous openings we presume for the use of money within the Union itself, that there appears to be no great anxiety to invest in foreign stocks, railways, banks, and such like. China has yet to wait it would seem for her

TO ARRIVE ABOUT NOVEMBER.
AND THOSE WISHING TO PURCHASE FROM PRESENT STOCK WILL BE
SUPPLIED AT ALMOST
COST PRICE
FOR CASH OR MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

Section.

7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellie's Island to North Point.
10. K Wilson Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of the Literature of the East. Recently a new department, embodying aspects of the Most recent works on such topics. Authors and Publishers are requested to forward works to: Editor, Chinese Review, care of China Mail Office.

Notes and Queries are still continued, and form an important means of obtaining news and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

The Correspondence column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the number of the volume in which they appear, and Customs and Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is assiduously cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Dr. Williams, Legge, and Messrs. Ballou, Watters, Stent, Phillips, MacIntyre, Groot, Jamieson, Faber, Kopsch, Parker, Playfair, Giles.

NATIONAL DEFENSE.

IT WAS HANGKOW RAILWAY.

It was some twenty some time ago that Mr. Hall of Canton was dead. It appears that this information was not well founded. We are now given to believe that he is still alive and that he has proceeded to the West Coast of England it is said.

The first step in the construction of this long-talked-of railway. Shortly after the appearance of the edict regarding the said railway in which Mr. Hall's name appeared first on the list of the proposed contractors, the Chinese Government became more than willing to augment. He wired to the Military Board that he had already raised three quarters of the amount required, viz., ten millions, and that by the fifth moon he would have collected the remaining seven millions. On May 10th, Mr. Hall proceeded to Hankow to see the Viceroy there so as to prevent delay. A certain person with whom he had entered into a preliminary agreement at Shanghai having failed to raise the necessary funds for the Canton-Hankow Railway, he further East, there was apparently nothing for it but for Hall to become defunct.

We are glad to learn, however, that he is still to the fore and still lives and breathes the vital air.

Mr. Hall had been appointed Director of the Railway by the Kiangsu Viceroy. This seemed to follow as a matter of course from his purchase of the Hangchow Iron Works—otherwise if the railway did not utilise his output he would have no work for his plant; and the Viceroy would have no hope of receiving the second million tons which was conditional upon the works proving a success. The appointment was, however, authoritatively denied, but since then we have learned that the new plant of the Iron Works is really so good.

He is a good man for the post so far as his abilities go. As far as offices are concerned he is a great prudist. The Hangchow railway is not yet settled—as far as its construction is concerned—and Mr. Hall is taking station of the line to Tientsin is not to be at the so-called Marco Polo Bridge

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the rumour. It is a great pity that China does not utilise the material which she has at her disposal. Of all the Ministers, secretaries, interpreters, and students she has sent abroad during the last twenty odd

Whisky.

and exhausted. A half-litre is only a little more than a pint. Sandow laughed at the very idea of his not being able to do this. So a half-litre measure was procured, and a	Mr J. B. Duncan Mr H. K. C. Fisher Miss Greene Mr E. Hill Mr J. L. Hill	Dr J. T. Robinson Mr K. H. Wade Mr W. B. Walker Mrs S. T. Walker Mrs J. L. Walker
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my daughter, young man, said the old gentleman severely, 'I find my gas bill has considerably increased.' 'Perhaps it is the fault of the meter sir,' suggested the young man, smiling. 'I don't know,' said the old gentleman, 'but I shall be sure to get it changed.'

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Zeolus	twinscrew cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	7000	Captain Robert L. Groome	Hakodate
Albatross	despatch vessel	1700	12	3180	Commander F. G. De Lisle	Muroran
Anchor	twinscrew 3rd class	1770	16	2200	Comd. O. E. Kingsmill	Shanghai
Cerberus*	cruiser 3rd class	10,500	41	13,000	Captain Sp. noor H. Login	Muroran
Daphne	ship	1140	18	1400	Commander A. C. Galloway	Chemulpo
Eek	g-b. 3rd class coast defense	383	9	340	Lt.-Comd. H. B. Barton	Shanghai
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	465	8	460	Comd. Gen. Vernon Maud	Yokohama
Grafton	twinscrew cruiser, 1st class	7,350	35	10,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Yokohama
Gambier	ship	6 0	—	8 0	Commander F. W. Woyl	Yokohama
Immortalité	armoured cruiser	5680	24	850	Captain Edward Chichester	Muroran
Lunet	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	8	1060	Commander R. O. Sparkes	Hakodate
Narcissus	armoured cruiser	6-00	34	8,500	Captain H. E. Lang	Akashi
Pescok	gunboat 1st class	780	13	1200	Lieut. Comd. H. J. D. Laxton	Tsushima
Plym	gunboat 1st class	780	13	1200	Lieut. Belliss	Hakodate
Pique	gunboat 1st class	3900	21	7000	Capt. Henry C. Biggs	Yokohama
Plutus	gunboat 1st class	756	10	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. T. de Hostay	Muroran
Porpoise	gunboat 3rd class	1770	16	26	Commander F. R. Pelly	Singapore
Salmon	gunboat 1st class	1800	21	7000	Captain Wm. O. O. Forsyth	Muroran
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	71	14	120	Lieut.-Comd. Hugh Stevenson	Singapore
Redpole	gunboat 1st class	506	10	1200	Lieut. Comd. E. E. Graham	Singapore
Spartan	twinscrew cruiser 2nd class	3900	21	7000	Capt. Alfred L. Winslow	Behring sea
Swift	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	8	1010	Commander R. K. McAlpine	Behring sea
Tacot	gun-vessel 2nd class	2047	—	—		Hongkong
Tarant	g-b. 3rd class coast defense	383	5	340		Hongkong
Undagood	armoured cruiser	5680	24	8500	Captain John S. Hallifax	Muroran
Victor Emanuel	monitoring ship	9790	42	1480	Commodore Boyce	Tong, sea
Waters	coast defense ship, armoured	9790	42	1480		Hongkong

Beano, sloop	1,000	2	400	Capt. A. T. De Costa e Silva	Hongkong
Beano, sloop	402	6	1,150	Captain Molis	Nagasaki
Borneo, sloop	850	13	3,600	Captain F. Wildes	Shanghai
Boston, sloop	3,200	6	4,400	Capt. Enrique Sanzula	Manila
Boston, sloop	3,200	22			

Yokohama	1872	5	200	Blockading	Yokohama
Chemulpo	1880	14	15,000	Captain J. J. Reed	Chemulpo
Changhai	1880	12	500	Captain Rodick	Changhai
Panama	1880	23	500	Captain Rodinoff	Panama
Shanghai	1880	23	500	Commander Koppel	Shanghai

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and Snow, of Peking," showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1841 to 1880. "Notes on the Dutch Occupation

given. Mr. F. B. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Emperor Cheng, founder of the Chinese Empire," which will be read with genuine

able; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body.

cessor in the field, and that the China Road may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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ed on that day. We hope the astronomers were successful in North Japan. There we believe the rainy season is in the fifth moon and the skies are clear at the present time.

were all greatly saddened to hear of the death by drowning of the Austro-Hungarian Consul-General. Mr Haas was well known to the older residents here, and

us a visit and went to the Western Hills
visit the Minister, H.E. Count Cassi
has returned from the Hills and purpos
taking leave shortly, bound home

common people know nothing of it or take no interest in it. The Emperor and his officials revolve in a different orbit from the common people. Most of the newspaper articles have fallen into a not uninteresting

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Scurvy and Blotches on the Skin
Disturbed Sleep, &c
For females of all ages they are invaluable

grateful. How comes it that while we are having such mild summers here the good folks at home are sweltering under great heat—numerous cases of sunstroke are re-

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the young man marry. 'Yes, to be
agreed this old gentleman. 'You're the
meeter, and you meet her too often!'

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